(b) a list of subordinate staff of the Revenue Department whose travelling allowances were reduced from their bills at the end of the year 1106 for want of funds?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Orders were issued to the Superintendent of Registration to postpone his tour for Karkadagam 1106 for want of allotment under T. A. Other Heads of Departments were also circularised to see that they do not exceed their allotments under T. A.

(b) The travelling allowance of no subordinate officer was reduced for want of funds.

Circular—appointment to children of officials.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan has issued any circular to the effect that preference must be given to the children of officials in the matter of appointments in Government service; if so, will a copy of the Proceedings be placed on the table; what are the reasons that induced the Government to issue that circular?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes. A copy of the circular is appended (*Appendix IV*). To encourage loyal and faithful service.

Christian students—Depressed Class allowance.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Christian students at present who are given Depressed Class allowance; the date of admission of these students in the respective schools and the date of conversion of each?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix V*).

Road Board.

170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the members constituting the Road Board;

(b) how many meetings were held by the Board; and

(c) what all resolutions were passed and what actions were taken on the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A list of the members is appended (*Appendix VI*).

(b) Two. On 27th July 1931 and 31st October 1931.

(c) Copies of the minutes of the meetings are appended (*Appendix VII*).

Minute of the 1st meeting.—Resolutions Nos. 3 and 4 were accepted by the Government. Resolution No. 2 is under con-

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sideration. The T. A. to be given to the members has also been fixed.

No action has been taken yet on the resolutions of the 2nd meeting.

Caste-wise list—persons in Government service, etc.

171. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage in each of these classes (a) Nambudiris (b) Paradesi Brahmins (c) Nayars (d) Ezhuvas (e) Christians and (f) Mohammedans engaged in (1) Government service, (2) Commerce and Industries (3) and Agriculture?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A copy of the Imperial Table containing the available information is appended (*Appendix VIII*).

Co-operative Societies.

172. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they have materialised their acceptance of my cut-motion in the last Council to demonstrate the necessity of increased co-operative activities?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The points raised in the discussion on the motion are.—

(1) The necessity for widening the activities of the Department with special reference to the depression of the times; (2) necessity for extreme caution in the cancellation of the societies; (3) supply of decent starting capital to the societies without pressing the question of local deposits.

In regard to (1) the Department is ready to help societies in every way. The movement being essentially non-official it is for the leading men in the State to come forward with proposals on the amelioration of their brethren.

As for (2) cancellation of societies is resorted to only when all attempts, both official and non-official at resuscitation have proved futile. Keeping a really bad society on the rolls is seldom desirable.

(3) Local capital is not insisted on by the Central Bank as a condition precedent to granting loans. As regards the desirability of supplying capital by the department this kind of help is not really called for since there is the Central Bank to finance societies exclusively.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to your answer to (1) how have you responded to the request of some of the leading men of the State for state-aid to the Azhikkode Society?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice.

Sea-erosion—Cranganur.

173. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

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APPENDIX V.—(*cont.*)

Serial No.	Name of school	Total number of Xian students who are given D. C. allowance	Date of admission	Date of conversion of each
55	S A S, Madavana	2	19 10 02 2 11 06	... 12 1929
56	C E Z M S, Trippunittura	1	30 10 03	6 11 01
57	St, Xavier's B S, Kalur	1	31 10 05	20 2 97
58	N S, Thiruvankulam	2	8 & 27 12 02	20 & 6 12 01
59	St. P S, Venduruthy	1	23 10 02	2 4 1920
60	M S, Narakkal	1	19 10 03	Not known
61	St. M. S. Kumbalam	2	1 11 06	17 8 1924
62	St. P S, Vaduthala	1	do	28 12 1930
63	M S, Arakkunnam	4	28 10 06 25 10 06 10 11 06 4 11 06	Not known
64	St. M S. Koratti	1	25 10 06	do
65	St. Stainslaw's School, Koratti	2	do	do
66	M S, Karikkode	2	30 10 02 28 10 04	13 1 1924 14 2 01
67	D V S, Nayarambalam	2	20 3 03 2 11 06	7 11 98 28 2 01
68	Vattathipparamba School	1	2 11 06	6 1 00
69	R I S, Veliyanad		27 10 06	17 9 02

APPENDIX VI.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 170—a*)

List of members of the Road Board.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Chairman.
P. W. Davis Esq., Planter.
Mr. P. V. Rapheal, Registrar of Panchayats
Mr. K. P. Virkkey. Member, Thiruvankulam Panchayat.
Mr. P. Paran Madhavan, do Kodakara do
Mr. P. Narayanan Namburi, do Kodanur do
Mr. C. M. Thechan, do Kattakampal do
Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar, do Pattancheri do
Mr. P, Kunjipokerkutti, do Methala do

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APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No 170. c).

Meeting No. I of 1106.

Minutes of a meeting of the Cochin Road Board held at the Chief Engineer's Office, Trichur, on Monday 27th July 1931 at 1-30 p. m.

Present.—

M. R. Ry. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon Avl., Chief Engineer, Chairman.

Members.

P. W Davis Esq.,	Planter.	
Mr. P. V. Raphael.	Registrar of Village Panchayats.	
,, K. P. Varkkey.	Member, Thiruvankulam Panchayat.	
,, P. Paran Madhavan,	,, Kodakara	,,
,, P. Narayanan Namburi,	,, Kodanur	,,
,, C. M. Thechan,	,, Kattakambal	,,
,, C. Krishnan Nayar,	,, Pattancheri	,,
,, P. Kunjipokkerkutti,	,, Methala	,,

I. Read Proceedings, dated 12th February 1931, C. 641/06. creating the Road Board and Proceedings, dated 2nd July 1931, C. 641/06 nominating members to the Board.

Recorded.

II. The question of including improvement to canals within the scope of the work of the Board was discussed. The Board is of opinion that canals, forming, as they do, an important link in the communication system of the State, should be included in the regular programme of work of the Board. The Chairman is requested to communicate its views to Government for sanction.

III. It was resolved that the Chairman of the Rural Reconstruction Committee be requested to forward for information of the Board a complete list of all road requirements gathered by that Committee in their investigation.

IV. The Chairman was requested to supply all the members with an up-to-date road map of the State.

V. It was resolved that regular meetings of the Board should be conducted in the months of Thulam, Makaram, Medam and Karkadagam and that members should send in their suggestions for road work to the Board at least one month in advance of the meeting.

VI. The question of Travelling allowance to the members attending the Board meetings and in doing work in connection with the Board was discussed. No definite decision was arrived at ; but the following suggestions were pointed out:—

1. To allow the members 1st class allowance for attending meetings,

or 2. to give them allowance as per the schedule adopted by the Judicial Department for Panchayat members attending court.

VII. It was also pointed out the members having jurisdiction over a whole Taluk, will have to incur considerable out-of-pocket expenses for investigating and reporting on road propositions. They have, therefore, to be compensated for this expenditure. It was also appreciated that there will be difficulty in controlling such journeys, but it was felt that some sort of compensation is necessary. The discussion on this question was general and the Chairman was requested to obtain Government orders in the matter.

The meeting closed at 4 p. m.

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Meeting No. 1 of 1107.

Minutes of a meeting of the Cochin Road Board held at the Chief Engineer's Office, Trichur, on Saturday, the 14th Thulam 1107 (31st October 1931) at 2 p. m.

Present:—

V. K. Aravindaksha Menon Esq., Chairman.

Members:—

M. R. Ry. P. V. Raphael Avl., Registrar of Panchayats.
,, K. P. Virkkey ,, Member, Thiruvankulam Panchayat
,, P. Paran Madhavan Avl. do Kodakara do
,, C. M. Thechan ,, do Kattakampal do
,, P. Kunjipokerkutti ,, do Methala do

I. Minutes of the meeting.

Read minutes of the last meeting, dated 11th Karkadagam 1106.

Recorded.

II. Road from 18/2 of Karupadanna road to Puthenchira—proposal for.

Read letter C. No. 4872/05, dated 4th Kanni 1107, from the Registrar of Panchayats forwarding under Government direction for the consideration of the Board the question of opening a road from 18/2 of Karupadanna road from Puthenchira.

Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of the member for Mukundapuram Taluk and the member for Velukara Panchayat should go into this question and submit a report for the Board's consideration.

III. Communication facilities—Edathirinji, Padiyur and Vallivattam. Villages—Mukundapuram Taluk.

Read D. P. Pw3—P. 285/06, dated 16th September 1931, forwarding for the consideration of the Board the question of opening or repairing the following roads.

i. From Kakkathuruthi road (near Edathirinji Village Office) to Areepalam.

ii. Road from Kettuchira to Poovathumkadavu and thence to Vallivattam.

These proposals may wait for the present in consideration of the fact that the Panchayat Department has already started road construction to Poovathumkadavu and Vallivattam from Karupadanna road.

iii. To dry pitch the side of the Areepalam—Mathilakam road and to give it a granite metalled surface in place of the existing gravel.

It is not considered necessary to dry pitch or give a coat of granite metal to the Areepalam—Mathilakam road as it is in a good condition at present.

IV. Nelliampathi Ghat road—Extension.

Read letter, dated 13th August 1931, from Mr. P. W. Davis, regarding the following points.—

i. Completing the Ghat road to the Pulayampara turn-off.

ii. Extension of road from Pulayampara to Padagiri and Karapar.

Resolved that the Nadugani—Pulayampara section of the Ghat road should be completed as early as possible. The question of improving the Pulayampara—Padagiri section may be taken up later on.

V. Road maintenance.

Read letters dated 13th August 1931 and 1st October 1931, from Mr. P. W. Davis on.—

i. Timber bridges—periodical painting and spacing of decking planks 1" apart for preventing dry rot.

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ii. Paving of low embankments, advisability of paving low embankments with granite boulders to prevent loss of metal.

iii. Cart wheels—to introduce a legislation prohibiting the use of cart wheels having less than 3" width of tyres and to fix a minimum diameter for wheels.

Resolved that the remarks of Mr. Davis regarding i and ii be forwarded to the P. W. Department for consideration. Regarding iii while the Board appreciates the need for having a legislation fo fix the minimum width of tyres for carts, it considers that the matter should be referred to the Governments of Travancore and British India for opinion.

VI. Karkadagam (1106) meeting of the Board—Government orders on.

Read D. P., dated 8th October 1931, Pw. 3 2090/07 orders on the points raised in the Board's meeting in Karkadagam.

Recorded. The Board desires to bring to the notice of the Government that questions relating to all navigable canals may be discussed by them.

VII. Road in Kattakampal, Palanji, Anjur, etc.; Villages.

Read letter, dated 12th Kanni 1107 from Mr. Thechan, regarding roads in Kattakampal, Palanji, Anjur, etc., Villages. Also to discuss the advisability of extending the membership of Panchayats to Road Board members till the end of the period of the Board.

The Board is of opinion that Cheruvallikadavu should be connected with Vaduthala road. The question of realignment of the road from Cheruvalli ferry to Kattakampal, may be considered later on. The P. W. D. may be requested to report the cost of constructing an embankment across the Cheruvalli ferry and also whether the cost would justify its construction at the present time.

The Chairman may be requested to bring to the notice of the Government that the members of the Board whose present membership expires within the life of the Board and who may be re-elected or nominated to their respective Panchayats may retain their seats on the Board.

VIII. Roneo Duplicator—purchase of.

Read office note regarding the purchase of a Roneo Duplicator for sending copies of communications to the members of the Board.

The Board considers that it is very desirable to have a Duplicator for convenient circulation of all reports and correspondence with the work to all the members. The Board is of opinion that model No.2 Duplicator of Messrs. Addison and Co. for Rs. 150 is suited for the work.

IX. Bridge at Karanchirakadavu—construction of.

Read letter C. 5498/06, dated 21st Chingam 1107, from the Registrar of Panchayats forwarding copy of Thaniam Panchayat President's letter regarding the construction of a bridge at Karanchirakadavu.

The Board considers the work to be very useful and it may be considered at the time of preparation of the 1108 budget.

The meeting closed at 5 p. m.

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APPENDIX VIII AND VIII A.

(Printed separately).

APPENDIX IX.

Vide Answer to Question No. 182.

Statement of trucks as per traffic programme.

	1105.	1106.
Chingam	140 pairs.	Available trucks.
Kanni	108 ,,	120 pairs.
Thulam	120 ,,	120 ,,
Vrischigam	120 ,,	120 ,,
Dhanu	72 ,,	76 ,,
Makaram	116 ,,	120 ,,
Kumbham	86 ,,	116 ,,
Meenam	60 ,,	According to necessity.
Medam	52 ,,	144 pairs.
Edavam	64 ,,	According to necessity.
Mithunam	124 ,,	128 pairs.
Karkadagam	128 ,,	150 ,,

APPENDIX X.

(*Vide Answer to Question No 186—2*).

Extracts from the Vice-Chancellor's report, dated 6th May 1931.

"The total maximum strength of the College should be fixed at 450. Class I—140; Class II—110: Class III—100; Class IV—100. The maximum for the Science classes should be as recommended by Dr. Dey."

Dr. Dey's Report.

"The maximum strength allowed in the Intermediate Classes Groups I and II should be 90 in each year, the batches into which each class is divided for Practical work not exceeding 3 in number and the number of admissions into the B. A. Physics and Chemistry classes should be strictly limited to 20 and 15 respectively, in each year."

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APPENDIX XI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 187—1).

Statement showing the strength in the various classes and groups from 1925.

Class	Group	1924—25			1925—26			1926—27			1927—28			1928—29			1929—30			1930—31			1931—32		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Calss I	Gr. i	65	6	71	71	2	73	72	10	82	65	8	73	70	15	85	80	11	91	83	13	96	43	17	60
	ii	30	6	36	29	6	35	35	9	44	32	7	39	38	4	42	42	5	47	37	10	47	19	11	30
	iiii	40	10	50	44	6	50	42	3	45	45	8	53	48	8	56	58	8	66	48	7	55	45	5	50
,, II	i	46	4	50	50	4	54	59	1	60	58	7	65	50	5	55	63	12	75	66	10	76	60	11	71
	ii	24	3	27	26	7	33	25	5	30	33	5	38	25	4	29	30	3	33	34	4	38	28	8	36
	iii	40	13	53	35	11	46	43	5	48	42	3	45	37	7	44	41	6	47	45	8	53	42	6	48
	i (b)	..	...	..	19	3	22	26	1	27	17	2	19	14	1	15	14	2	16	9	2	11	17	2	19
,, III	ii (b)	...	...	...	22	1	23	24	..	24	23	..	23	24	1	15	22	1	23	19	5	24	15	..	15
	ii (c)	...	..	..	..	..	..	15	3	18	18	..	18	17	..	17	16	..	16	13	5	18	13	2	15
	ii (e)	..	..	..	13	2	15	17	1	18	17	1	18	14	2	16	17	..	17	14	1	15	14	1	15
	iv (a)	...	..	...	33	5	38	11	5	16	9	6	15	8	1	9	10	2	12	8	3	11	6	3	9
	iv (b)	...	...	..	19	2	21	25	3	28	33	3	36	33	..	33	34	..	34	37	2	39	27	..	27
	i (b)	...	..	...	...	...	..	17	3	20	25	...	25	16	2	18	13	1	14	15	2	17	9	2	11
,, IV	ii (b)	..	..	..	..	..	...	22	1	23	24	..	24	21	...	21	73	1	24	22	1	23	17	5	22
	ii (c)	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	15	3	18	17	..	17	17	...	17	16	...	16	11	5	16
	ii (e)	..	...	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	18	1	19	17	1	18	14	2	16	17	..	17	7	1	8
	iv (a)	...	..	...	..	..	..	24	5	29	11	5	16	9	5	14	7	1	8	9	2	11	8	3	11
	iv (b)	...	...	..	...	..	..	15	2	17	22	3	25	33	3	36	33	1	34	34	...	34	34	2	36
	Total	245	42	287	361	49	410	414	59	543	507	62	569	491	59	550	534	56	590	526	75	601	415	84	499